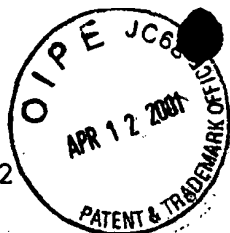


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: UNASSIGNED
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: Group Art Unit: 2851
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is
directed to the non-English language Japanese document listed
on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document
is enclosed, along with an English language abstract
therefor. Applicant submits that the document may be relevant
for the disclosure in the accompanying abstract, or for the
reasons set forth at pages 1 and 2 of the specification.

FEE STATEMENT

No fee or statement is required in connection with this
Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted

prior to the last of (1) issuance of a first official action on the merits or (2) expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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